(b) and (c) The Low power TV Transmitter functioning at Bhju since 1906 had been replaced by a High Power (10 KW) TV Transmitter since 1994.

Compensation to Account Holders by Bank of India

1257. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bank of India, Eastern Zone has not yet cleared the payment of compensation to various Account holders whose accounts were withheld due to banks own defaults;

(b) whether representations in this regards have not yet been sorted out; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) Bank of India has reported that there is no claim pending with them for which they have admitted/ agreed to pay compensation.

(b) and (c) According to the bank, no representation as regards compensation is pending except one at its Lindsay Street Branch. The bank has further reported that M/s. Benoyog who were maintaining C/D Account with the Lindsay Street Branch had refused to accept the amount of interest @ 5% on the amount of Rs. 72,775/- lying in the account of the deceased. Instead the claimant is demanding an exhorbitant sum of Rs. 1,25,000/- towards compensation which is untenable.

Liquidity Crisis in Nationalised Banks and Financial Institutions

1258. SHRI YERA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a liquidity crisis in nationalised banks and financial institutions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what would be the negative impact of the liquidity crisis in the needs of agriculture;

(d) whether the agriculture sector would suffer due to lack of credit in 1996-97; and

(e) in what manner Government propose to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) to (e) No, Sir. There has been significantly larger credit expansion by both commercial banks and financial institutions. Between March 17, 1995 and February 16, 1996 the scheduled commercial banks have supplied Rs. 43386 crore of non-food commercial credit recording a growth rate of 22.9 per cent as against Rs. 29937 crore (19.5 per cent) provided by them between March 18, 1994 and February 17, 1995. The financial assistance discharged by the All India financial institutions has also similarly grown from Rs. 23478.4 crore during April-January 1994-95 to Rs. 26587.9 crore during April-January, 1995-96. Given the lower rate of inflation in the current financial year compared to the previous financial year, the increase in non-food credit of the scheduled commercial banks and in the financial assistance of the development finance institutions is even larger in real terms.

पाल का अवैध आयात

1259. **श्री नागमणि:**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरोला:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों में सीमा-शुल्क अधिकारियों और राजस्व आसूचना निदेशालय में उचित समन्वय न होने के कारण वस्तुओं के अवैध आयात में वृद्धि हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो अवैध आयात पर नियंत्रण के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या उपाय किये जा रहे हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) जी, नहीं। ऐसी कोई सूचना नहीं है जिससे सीमा शुल्क अधिकारियों और राजस्व आसूचना निदेशालय के बीच उचित समन्वय न होने का पता चलता हो और इस प्रकार इस कारण से अवैध आयात में कोई वृद्धि नहीं हुई है।